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1. Huta Ostrowiec (the Ostrowiec Iron and Steel Works), damaged by the Germans during the war and subsequently stripped of machinery both by them and by the Russians, has since been rebuilt. The rolling mills section has been enlarged and the number of Martin furnaces increased. At present, work is in progress on the construction of two new blast furnaces (one in existence) and on a new springs department.

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2. Leading Personnel

- a. Administrative Director: Kurosad
b. Technical Director: Ing. Kawinski

3. Number of Workers

Approximately 6,000.

4. Production

- a. Output per month
Blast furnace : 5,000 tons
Rolling mills : 8,000 tons
Martin furnaces : 9,000 tons of steel
- b. 300 freight cars per month (German type, of different sizes, loading capacity 17.5 - 23 tons, and flatcars).
- c. Railway and streetcar rails.
- d. Iron construction parts for bridges, high-voltage masts, and scaffolding.
- e. Small-gauge cars for the mining industry and snow plows.
- f. The Works produces for the home market only.

It is proposed to discontinue the production of railroad cars, since Pafawag (Wroclaw) is manufacturing sufficient numbers of these, and to concentrate on production in other sections of the Ostrowiec Works.

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5. Raw Materials

- a. The iron ore comes mainly from the Staszyc mine at the foot of the Swietokrzyskie Mountains, 3 to 4 km. north of the town Slupia Nowa, and from other mines.
- b. Forty percent manganese ore comes from the USSR. (In actual fact the percentage is lower, hence reproaches against the Works for not obtaining the expected results.)
- c. Ingots from Silesia (mainly from the Stalowa Wola Works).

6. Power Station

The Ostrowiec Works has its own thermal electric plant with installed power of 5 MW. In addition, the Works draws power from the Starachowice high voltage network and has its own distributing station for the use of the power from this network.

7. Fire-proof Materials

The fire-proof materials and chamot goods are from the Fireproof Brick Works at Ostrowiec, formerly named Klepacki [redacted].

8. Potential Capacity

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The Works is not working near its full capacity.

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